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SILVER PARTICLES

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## REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: REFUND SECTION, ACCOUNTING DIVISION

OFFICE OF FINANCE

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) together with the required \$810.00 RCE Fee was submitted in the above-referenced patent application on April 25, 2011. The RCE included a Request for Suspension of Action together with payment of the \$130.00 Petition Fee.

The \$490.00 fee for a two-month extension of time was also submitted with the RCE Request on April 25, 2011.

Subsequent to the filing of the RCE on April 25, 2011, a Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was issued by the Patent Office on April 27, 2011. In view of the Patent Office's determination that the RCE filed on April 25, 2011 is improper, it is requested that the RCE Fee in the amount of \$810.00, and the Petition Fee in the amount of \$130.00 be refunded to the applicant. For these purposes, please issue a refund in the amount of \$940.00 to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. WFG1-39710.

This matter was discussed by telephone with Ms. Tina J. Barden. Ms. Barden indicated that the applicant is entitled to a refund of the previously submitted \$810.00 RCE Fee and the \$130.00 Petition Fee, and that applicant was given one-month to respond to the Notice of Improper RCE.

It is requested that the undersigned attorney of record be contacted if there are any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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